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In re Application of: Olaf B. Kinstler et al. )

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Title: "N-Terminally Chemically  
Modified Protein Compositions and  
Methods" )


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows before examination  
on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel claims 1-38 and add the following new claims 39-49:

39. A substantially homogeneous preparation of N-terminally PEGylated protein  
or analog thereof, optionally in a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, carrier, or adjuvant,  
said preparation being essentially free of protein or analog thereof PEGylated at sites other  
than the N-terminus.

40. A preparation of claim 39 wherein said protein or analog thereof or analog thereof  
is PEGylated with aldehyde-containing polyethylene glycol.